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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Water-logging takes place in certain areas of the city during rainy *season*.

(b) and (c) The sewer system in Delhi is designed for disposal of waste water. The disposal of rain water takes place through *storm* water drains. Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that desilting of 1173 nallas, 35746 bell mouths, 42012 gully gratings, 2069 vertical chambers and 994.7 km. storm water drains was done between March to June, 2000. Delhi Jal Board has reported that nearly 75% work of desilting of internal sewers was completed between March and June, 2000. Instructions have also been issued to concerned authorities to undertake cleaning and desilting work in an effective manner.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to (d) above.

Housing Scheme for Senior Citizens in Delhi

2465. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it *is a fact* that the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) drawn up a scheme to cater to the housing needs of senior citizens in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main criteria of the eligibility of the *proposed* "Senior Citizen-friendly city" and

(d) by when the scheme is likely to be fully operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir. However, a scheme for retiring Govt. Servants has, in principle, been approved.

(b) to (d) These details will be available once the modalities are finalised.

Expansion programme of Hudco in Meghalaya

2466. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether HUDCO has any expansion programme in the State of Meghalaya during the Ninth Plan;

(b) if so, the full details thereof;

(c) the total fund allocated and actually spent by HUDCO for infrastructure in the State during the last five years; and

(d) the details of projects started in the State during the last three years and till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) has taken significant steps in the development of North-Eastern States including Meghalaya. HUDCO has established a Zonal Office in Shillong (Meghalaya), in addition to a Regional office at Kohima (Nagaland), to cover the needs of the North Eastern States. In addition, loan allocation for North Eastern Region has been enhanced from earlier 5% to 10% of the total housing loan allocation for the country.

(c) The details of loan sanctioned by HUDCO to Meghalaya for urban infrastructure-projects during the last five years are given in the attached Statement-I (see below)

(d) The details of housing and urban infrastructure schemes sanctioned during the last three years are given in the attached Statement-I I.